

II. Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An insertion device trajectory system for use with an insertion device in treating a patient, comprising:
 - an insertion device having a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end configured for insertion into the patient;
 - an energy source for producing an energy path in a proximal direction away from the patient;
 - an indication surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path, thereby indicating any trajectory correction required for the insertion device;
 - a mechanism by which the energy source can be attached to the insertion device adjacent to the distal end; and
 - a reflecting element spaced from the energy source and configured to reflect the energy path distally towards the indication surface.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.
5. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a LED.
6. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 4 wherein the energy path comprises a directed light, and wherein the attachment mechanism is adapted to direct the light towards a reflecting element.

7. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the indication surface is positioned so that the light directed towards the reflecting element is visibly identifiable on the indication surface.
8. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source is permanently secured to the insertion device by the attachment mechanism.
9. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein a workpiece is attached to a distal end of the insertion device, and wherein the attachment mechanism is configured so that the energy path from the energy source is coaxial with the workpiece.
10. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 9 wherein the workpiece is a percutaneous needle.
11. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1, further comprising:
a visual indicator for indicating a trajectory of the energy path.
12. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.

13. (Currently Amended) A medical alignment device for use with an instrument in treating a patient, comprising:

an instrument having a proximal portion and a distal portion, the distal portion configured for insertion into the patient;

an energy source located on the proximal portion of the instrument wherein the energy source produces an energy path proximally away from the patient;

a reflecting element spaced from the energy source for reflecting the energy path distally toward the patient; and

a surface adjacent the energy source on the proximal portion of the instrument for indicating the proximity of the reflected energy path to the energy source to indicate any alignment correction required for the instrument.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.

16. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.

17. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the insertion device comprises a needle.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of aligning a medical instrument used in treating a patient, the method comprising:

providing a medical instrument trajectory system having an energy source for attachment to a medical instrument and a reflector;

coupling the energy source to a medical instrument;

generating an energy path from the an energy source located on the medical

instrument, the energy path directed toward the reflector and away from the patient; and reflecting the energy path with the reflector so that a proximity of the reflected energy path to the energy source indicates any alignment correction required for the medical instrument.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the reflected energy path is directed towards an indication surface located on the energy source.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising operating the medical instrument through a driver.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the medical instrument comprises a needle.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for aligning an instrument for use in treating a patient, comprising:

an instrument having a distal working end for insertion into a patient and an opposite proximal end;

an energy source adapted to selectively engage a portion of the instrument adjacent the proximal end and for producing an energy path in a direction away from the working end;

a surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path, the trajectory of the energy path correlating to a trajectory of the instrument; and

a reflecting element spaced from the energy source and configured to reflect the energy path towards the surface.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the working end includes a needle.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the working end includes a cutting portion.
25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, further including a longitudinal axis extending at least partially between the working end and the proximal end.
26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the energy source is adapted to produce an energy path substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Previously Presented) A system for aligning an instrument for use in treating a patient, comprising:
- an instrument having a working end and an opposite proximal end;
 - an energy source adapted to selectively engage a portion of the instrument and for producing an energy path in a direction away from the working end;
 - a surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path, the trajectory of the energy path correlating to a trajectory of the instrument; and
 - a reflecting element configured to reflect the energy path towards the surface, wherein the surface is located adjacent to the energy source.
29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the energy source is a light source.
30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the energy source is adapted to selectively engage the proximal end of the instrument.